

Boy Injured In Racial Trouble

DURHAM, April 30 (AP) — A racial fight involving 15 to 20 persons erupted this afternoon in Walgreen's Drug Store here and ended with a teen-aged Negro boy being admitted to Lincoln Hospital with a possible brain concussion.

The incident was sparked by pushing and shoving among white and Negro customers after Walgreen's had reopened its lunch counter this morning to whites only.

Police, who squelched the battle within 10 minutes after it started, arrested three persons, two Negroes and a white man, on assault and battery charges.

Girl Taken To Station

A 15-year-old Negro girl was also taken to the station, but was later released to juvenile authorities.

Willie Burt, 17-year-old Negro boy of Durham, was still in a semiconscious condition at Lincoln tonight. A nurse there said he had been "pretty badly beaten."

Burt's assailants were not identified.

The three persons arrested were Garland Glenn, 31-year-old white man; Columbus Pressley, 17, a Negro; and Bruce Baines, 18, a Negro. All are from Durham.

Baines was charged in a warrant sworn out by C. F. Speranza, pharmacist at Walgreen's.

Charged By Bedford

Pressley was charged by William V. Bedford, Walgreen's fountain manager. A Negro boy, John Edwards, also of Durham, signed the warrant against Glenn.

Police officer R. V. Beck said when he got to the scene, "There were some Negro girls down on the floor, and this little girl (who was turned over to juvenile authorities) and a waitress were fighting. There were at least 15 or 20 people in it."

A white boy and a Negro boy who were fighting near the door fled when police came.

Walgreen's and several other drug and variety stores have been picketed here regularly by Negro students attempting to obtain service at lunch counters operated for whites only.